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**MOLYCORP TO PRESENT FREE MINERAL WORKSHOP &  
TOUR FOR TEACHERS ON NOVEMBER 10**

Victorville – High Desert teachers are invited to attend a free workshop designed to help them bring the study of rocks and minerals to life in the classroom. “Uses and Properties of Minerals” will be presented on Thursday, November 10 from 4:00 - 7:00 P.M. at Molycorp, Inc., which is located at 67750 Bailey Road, in Mountain Pass, CA, 25 miles northeast of Baker.

The workshop will provide educators with the tools and materials they need to demystify minerals and mining for students in grades kindergarten through 12, while introducing such topics as the uses of minerals and the periodic table. Teachers will also partake in a variety of hands-on learning activities, such as making toothpaste using common household minerals and teaching economics through “Cookie Mining.”

Workshop participants will also have the opportunity to learn about mining operations first-hand during a tour of Molycorp’s on-site, rare earth mine, the only one of its kind in North America. Each workshop participant will also receive a free curriculum

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guide chock full of hands-on, integrated activities which meet state and National Education Standards. A complimentary dinner will also be served during the workshop and all participants will have the opportunity to win door prizes.

“Uses and Properties of Minerals” will be presented by Molycorp and the California Chapter of Women in Mining, and is co-sponsored by the Mojave Environmental Education Consortium (MEEC). In order to reserve a spot, attendees are required to mail a refundable check for \$10 – made payable to “MEEC - to 14306 Park Avenue, Victorville, CA, 92392. (Checks will be returned to attendees during the workshop.) Due to limited seating, reservations and checks are requested by November 8. For more information, call (760) 245-1661, ext. 6101, or visit MEEC online at [www.meeconline.com](http://www.meeconline.com).

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